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In the application of:

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A PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION

OF DIRECT TABLETTING FORMULATION AND AIDS

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is supplemental to an amendment filed on January 2, 2003 in response to an Office action herein mailed October 1, 2002. This supplemental amendment includes the amendments and remarks set forth in the amendment filed January 2, 2003 and also includes an additional new claim and new remarks, and therefore, may be considered in lieu of the amendment filed January 2, 2003. The Office action set a time for response to expire on January 1, 2003. As February 1, 2003 fell on a Saturday, this submission is timely filed on Monday February 3, 2003 with a petition for a one-month extension of time and the required fee. Claims 1-33 were rejected in the Office action. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendments and remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration is

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respectfully requested. Enclosed is an exhibit entitled "Marked Version of Amendments to the Claims" (Exhibit A). A copy of an article entitled "Current issues and trouble shooting fluid bed granulation," reprinted from *Pharmaceutical Technology* May 1998 from the http address www.niroinc.com/html/pharma/phpdfs/micropoint2.pdf was included as Exhibit B in the amendment filed January 2, 2003.

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